

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for operating a laundry machine comprising:

supplying steam to a tub or drum having laundry introduced thereto at a temperature suitable to sterilize or sanitize the laundry;

supplying washing water to the tub or drum;

washing the laundry while rotating the drum for a preset time period;

rinsing the laundry at least once when washing the laundry is finished; and

spinning the laundry by rotating the drum when rinsing the laundry is finished.
2. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplying of steam comprises supplying steam continuously for a preset time period.
3. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the supplying of further comprises supplying steam for a cycle time period shorter than a cycle time period of washing the laundry.
4. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplying of steam comprises supplying steam at a temperature that can kill various microbes in the laundry.
5. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprises supplying steam to the tub or drum after the spinning of laundry.